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Concluſion of the Spaniſh *Novel, begun in our Paper of* Feb. 2.

THE ſudden Accident quite bereaved me of my Underſtanding, ſo that now I was utterly loſt, and the rather, when I might hear her Huſband come up Stairs, and ſee his Alteration at his Entrance, cauſed with the Noiſe, which the Blow and Rattling of the Men had made.

My Maſter looked blank, when he ſaw the Faſhion of his Game marred; and turning ſmilingly to me, willed me to reſolve him of his Doubt.

But *Violante*, who perceived by my troubled Countenance, the poor Satisfaction I was then likely to have given, taking upon her my Part, delivered this harmleſs Anſwer.

You need not be troubled to ſee the Games thus turned topſy-turvy, for I have the worſt of it, I am ſure, and yours was in a great deal of Likelihood to be loſt; ſince, being deſirous to ſtead myſelf from *Leandro*'s Skill, he had taught me ſo ſubtle and cunning a Trick, as that I might not only have ſaved the Mate, but put it upon you alſo; tho' my Gown and Careleſſneſs together (as I was removing) ended our Strife, throwing down the Chefs-board, under which (at our firſt ſitting down) a Piece of it neglectfully was left.

With this admirable Evaſion, jerking as it were at my Intent and weak Confidence, and withal diſſembling no Part of the Truth, ſhe ended the Confuſion, and her Huſband was well ſatisfied, who loving her moſt tenderly, and that being an Occaſion of Paſtime, attributing all to Jeſt and Sport, he himſelf grew very pleaſant.

When the Heart, *Gerardo*, is full of Paſſion, ill can the Ears hearken to Reaſon; my Soul was all now on a light Flame, and it had been impoſſible for any Counſel or Advice to have diverted me, much leſs could I be blamed for my Perſeverance in Love, ſince I had not any Friend to wean me from my head-long Deſires, ſo that I could not give them nor my Affection over. After this happen'd, I was no ſooner gotten from my Miſtreſs's Sight to my Chamber, and laid down on my Bed to take ſome little Reſt, when after a terrible Pain within me, and a cold Sweat all without, inſtantly a raging Fit of a *Calenture* ſeiz'd me, which holding on me a good Space, bereaved me of all Appetite, and in four Days brought me to extreme Danger, and the fifth being given over by Phyſicians, I began to think my fatal Hour was at hand: My Maſter's Grief was far greater than the Cauſe of my Infirmity deſerved, in all the Time of Sickneſs he did not once ſtir from me, rather (neglecting all his Affairs) he was only careful of cheriſhing me, and applying the beſt Helps for my Recovery: But (both he and the Doctors ignorant of my Malady) the Remedies they uſed put me into more Danger: For no Drugs are able to reſtore Love (an ill Incurable, that only wants an *Avicen.*)

In fine, towards Night (which proved to me the ſaddeſt, gladdeſt that hitherto I enjoyed) the Lawyer having moſt urgent Occaſion to be from home, becauſe he would not leave me all alone, as fearing the ſwift Approach of my Fit, calling his Wife moſt lovingly to him, he intreated her to keep me Company till his Return.

With much Perſuaſion, ſhe grew at laſt contented; for even in Occaſions of Charity, ſhe loved to ſhew a nice rigorous Diſpoſition. Tho' my Sickneſs were terrible, yet had it not captived my Senſes; for they ſtill free, might now perceive how near they were to their cruel Owner, who at length (Heaven willing to preſerve my Life) either pitying to ſee me brought to this low Weakneſs, and my frolick Youth turned to a ſad Picture of Death; or, belike acknowledging the Pureneſs of my loyal Affection, or for both; (for indeed, no Woman loaths to be loved, and few or none there are which at laſt yield not) ſending forth moſt tender Sighs, and ſitting her down upon my Bed, taking in her fair Hands, mine; ſhe began to pour this Balm into my wounded Heart: Is it poſſible, diſcreet *Leandro*, ſaid ſhe, that he, who for an uncertain Relation of my poor Beauty, took on him the Hardineſs of hoping to poſſeſs it, ſhould in the firſt Onſet fail, and ſhew ſuch Weakneſs in the firſt Reſiſtance? Believe me, Sir, did not your generous Proceeding loudly publiſh your Nobleneſs, this preſent Cowardice would make me much doubt it. Take Courage, *Leandro*; for if when firſt you declared your amorous Intent to me, I ſhould have been won, or ſhould my Words or Countenance have given the leaſt Strength to your Imagination; ſhe that is now affected by ſuch a Facility and Lightneſs, might have been juſtly rejected: For that Fort which with Valour and Perſeverance ſuffers one and many Aſſaults by an Enemy, ought to be more prized than that which yields upon a bare Parley: Neither could you have made a Conqueſt, where you ſhould have found no painful Reſiſtance to make your Glory the greater. For the Torments you have undergone in my Affection, I am as well ſatisfied as a grateful Acknowledger of the Debt, for whoſe Payment I deſire no longer Forbearance, than the Time of your Health's Recovery. More would my fair Miſtreſs have ſaid, but that ſhe was cut off by the unexpected Return of her Huſband (an Occaſion that turned my ready Anſwer into weeping Eyes.) He found me much revived ſince the little Time he left me, perceiving my weak Colour ſtrangely bettered, which I ſuppoſe, he attributed to ſome more miraculous Cauſe. But what Wonder, if to my poiſonous Infirmity that ſuperior Antidote were oppoſed as a wholſome Remedy, which might only prevent it?

Now, Friend *Gerardo*, my happy Life, or fatal Deſtiny was ſubject to the fair *Violante*'s abſolute Command: And her Cruelty that brought me almoſt to Death's Door, at this Time with her compaſſionate Diſcourſe (ſo far beyond Expectation) not only reſtored my waſted Body to Health; but left alſo my Mind full of unſpeakable Content: Whereby within a few Days, tho' faintly, I was able to riſe out of my Bed, my deſired and deſerved Reward adding Courage to my feeble Spirits. This inward amorous Deſire of mine, often drew me from my Chamber, and ſent me not without my accuſtomed Fear into my Miſtreſs's Preſence to enjoy her pleaſing Sight; yet never had I the Heart to put her in Mind of her Promiſe: For ſtill the awful Reſpect ſhe had gotten from me ſeiz'd on my Tongue, cauſing the ſame Trouble and Baſhfulneſs in my *Violante*: But my Paſſion making me conceive, it was the uſual Puniſhment of her rigorous Diſdain, was like to have driven me into a Relapſe of loſing, by ſuch Coldneſs, the little Health I had gotten from the Comfort of her promiſed Recompence. In this Time of my Convaleſcency, it grew to be Sunday; when by Reaſon of ſome Indiſpoſition of Body, or other important Occaſion, my Lawyer could not ſtir from home, nor *Violante* conſequently go to Maſs at her early accuſtomed Hour: Wherefore the Morning being ſomewhat ſpent, it ſeemed good to her Huſband to beſtow for once his own Office of Squiring her upon me; and willing to make known his Intent, ſaid: Friend *Leandro*, my not being well all this Night hath kept me within Doors, and *Violante* too, from going to Church, which troubles her; and I cannot help it, except thou wilt do ſo much as ſupply my Want, by uſhering her: Prithee take ſo much Paine, and giving her thy Hand, ſhe may alſo ſerve for a Stay and Prop to thy Weakneſs.

It was ſcarce poſſible for me here to diſſemble my Exceſs of Joy: Well, I obeyed, and with unſpeakable Content, took my Miſtreſs by the Hand, and now promiſed full Liberty to my Cares. By the Way I reſolved to ſignify the juſt Complaints that my Soul might form for her Neglect; to which Purpoſe I was rarely provided to make her relent. But ſcarce durſt my daſtard Breaſt ſend forth a Sigh; fearing more to anger her with my Speech, than to ſee myſelf by her Coldneſs irremediably periſh. With this grievous Reſervedneſs I accompanied her to Church, and in the ſame Manner had returned home, if an unexpected Favour of hers had not imboldened me the more; that as we came back, my Miſtreſs looking now more comfortably, and feigning an Occaſion of taking off her Glove, without it, returned me her beautiful white Hand: The ſudden (but joyful) Aſtoniſhment I eſteemed a ſufficient Recompence for all my former Diſtaſtes. I was now ſo heartened, with ſeeing myſelf Owner of that cryſtal Piece, that I could not chuſe but wring her Hand with mine, that I no ſooner put in Execution, when my Miſtreſs paying me in the ſame Coin, ſaid, How long, ſaved *Leandro*, ſhall your Slackneſs and my Modeſty be thus at Odds? Or do you expect with dumb Silence, and ſtuffy Proceeding, that my Perſon ſhould thus eaſouſe to you? This is more proper to Men than practiſed amongſt us. I know you will excuſe your Fault, by laying it upon my rigorous Condition; and tho' not long ſince your ſeeing me leſs cruel, might preſerve me in your better Opinion, yet in Reſpect of the firſt Occaſion you had, I admit for once of the Excuſe; but do hence-forward advertiſe you, that, ſecure of my Correſpondence, you may go on in your Love: So that (underſtanding ourſelves better for the Time to come) there may want no Opportunities for the effecting our Wiſhes; and that you may be ſure, my Promiſes are not only verbal, I will this Night ſo contrive and handle the Matter, that you may enter my Chamber.

Thus far held on *Leandro*'s amorous Story, to *Gerardo*'s no ſmall Amazement, when ſuddenly it was interrupted, by the ſudden Approach of a Troop of Officers, who accompanied by the Jailer, broke in upon the two impriſon'd Friends, ere they were aware.

The Sequel of the Story thus broke off, with the Event, is told by the Lady herſelf to Gerardo *(who had the ſtrange Fortune to meet with her a good while afterwards) in the following Words.*

There hath never been Enterprize ſo difficult, but Perſeverance hath attained unto it; whether *Leandro*'s then were worthy a more glorious Conqueſt, yourſelf, beſt *Gerardo*, ſhall be Judge, determining in your honoured Breaſt, whether my Reſiſtance could have been greater, ſince it proceeded ſo far, as to make me almoſt deſerve the rigorous Stile of a cruel *Arcaxarete*.

Indeed (vanquiſht at laſt) I reſolved to equal his Love with like Affection; and inſtructing him what he ſhould do, that we might as that Night enjoy ourſelves; the greateſt Part of the Afternoon being ſpent, *Leandro* (for ſo we agreed) feigning himſelf ill at Eaſe, and telling my Huſband he would go to Bed, made as if he went to his Chamber for that Purpoſe; but from thence (my good Man yielding a fit Opportunity) he went out, leaving his own Door but pulled to, and ſo came to my Chamber, where for more Aſſurance, I made him get between the Bed-Curtains and the Wall.

This Diligence was of Neceſſity to be uſed before-hand, for my wary Owner at Night uſed to lock our Chamber-Door, and that which was neareſt *Leandro*'s; who (by the Way) had alſo deſired my Huſband, that he ſhould by no Means awake him, becauſe (as he ſaid) his want of Reſt was the Cauſe of his Indiſpoſition: But this was to prevent any longing Deſire to ſee him: My Heart was at this Time in a ſtrange Diſtraction of Joy and Fear; for unaccuſtomed to ſuch Cares, the Expectation of my Pleaſure was much leſſened, and haply this unquiet Alteration in me, might be the Fore-runner of the ſad Succeſs you ſhall ſtraight hear.

I know not how it came to paſs, but from the firſt Day of my *Leandro*'s being with us, there was a great League of Friendſhip between him and the Vicar of our Town, by whom he was for his Wants ſupplied with Monies, and now and then viſited.

This Vicar having been abſent from him all the Time of his Sickneſs, coming home as that Night from a Journey, and underſtanding by his People in how great Danger *Leandro* had been, ſuppoſing he performed not the Part of a good Friend, if he did not as ſoon as he had Knowledge of his Sickneſs, ſee him, leaving his own Houſe, immediately he came to ours, where tho' the Door was ſhut, he called out, and my Huſband hearing his Voice, preſently roſe and opened unto him. I could not in any Time know who it was; for careleſs too of any Danger, the Deſire only of ſeeing my good Man laid at Reſt, kept me awake, and thus I wanted Means to ſhift *Leandro* away; for whom the Vicar aſked, and for all his Sickneſs and Deſire of Reſt was made known unto him, yet he would not be ſatisfied nor away, without ſeeing him: Whereupon my

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Husband not willing to gainsay his Will, was glad to obey him; when (calling at the Chamber) he no sooner touched the Door, but he might see it open, and *Leandro* missing; so that with no small Alteration he went down and told the Vicar so much, and assuring himself he must needs be within Doors, besides, his jealous Condition easily egging and perswading him on, at last he traced out the Truth and our hard Fortune; and so hastily dispatching away the Vicar, unable longer to keep in his Torment, he instantly came running into our Chamber; where finding me at my Wit's End, and my Colour quite lost, (for the discovered Business had left me like a dead Body) confirming his Suspicion, he began to pry up and down the Room. Imagine, good *Gerardo*, to what Extremity I was brought, that tho' my imminent Danger was so near, I had not the Power or Strength to run into some Place of Safety. My Husband having espied *Leandro*, ran at him with his Sword: But he perceiving before-hand his Danger, had presently gotten to the Light; and (putting it out) had Means to slip by the Thrust; but his Persecutor running blindly on, stopped not till he had closed with him, so that I might now perceive they were both grappled together, tho' my faint Heart durst now no longer stay to expect the Issue; and supposing the worst, running suddenly down to the Street-Door, I left my House, and stopped not, till I was gotten into the Fields (Fortune being in this more favourable to me, than my Misfortunes could expect) for falling accidentally upon the Highway to *Iliberis*, a Coach passed by thitherward with Passengers, who (when I had recommended my Miseries with a World of Sighs and Tears to their Pities) were so compassionately charitable, as to take me along with them to the aforesaid City; whither as soon as I arrived, making Sale of those few Jewels I wore at my Ears, Neck and Hands, with the Monies, I might for some Time relieve my Necessities. Heaven likewise was pleased to afford me the Happiness and Company of certain virtuous Gentlewomen, with whom after I had some few Days remained, I dispatch'd a Messenger to *Osuna*, charging him, strictly to inform himself of my unfortunate Affairs, and giving him likewise a Letter for my *Leandro*, if (to my Grief and Suspicion) he had been that Night taken Prisoner, which indeed could not otherwise be, considering how subject I left him to my Husband's Clutches and Cries. All which effected, and the Messenger returned, I understood by *Leandro*'s Lines, what had passed from the very Instant, that my Fright sent me packing: At which Time, as my Husband and he were struggling together, *Leandro* perceiving, that if either he got the Advantage, himself was sure to be slain, or that the other with his Noise might call up the Watch, so that his Danger was every Way equal, relying wholly upon his natural Defence of Life, and forced as it were to a desperate Course, he stabbed my Husband with a Ponyard he had on, whereof within few Hours he died. *Leandro* took Sanctuary in the first Church he could find open: Where being by divers Persons laid wait for, as a Stranger they persecuted him, and the Justice of the Place taking Notice of the Business, causing a strong Guard to watch about the Church, hindered his Sally: Yet his Friend the Vicar stuck close to him, as had the Case been his own, resisting their going about to take him from the holy Refuge, which indeed at first they sought to have done *de facto*. My Soul even melted when I read these woful Passages, as well for having lived so long in my Husband's Company, as in Respect also of the tender Affection he always bore me: And lastly, considering him by my light Proceeding, so unhappily made away, could not but in a Breast of Marble have caused lamentable Effect.

And therefore, noble Sir, considering my being alone for Want of my Lover, and the Impossibility of souldring my Error, determining to seek his Protection that was the Cause of it, I wrote to him a second Letter, desiring him by all Means to leave the Place where he was, and come to me, making known unto him (the better to dispose him to the Journey) my great Affliction; which he no sooner received, when not without great Danger, furthered by his Friend the Vicar, he accomplished my Desire. But Heaven or my adverse Fortune permitted not that it should take Effect: For *Leandro* had no sooner set Footing on the Threshold of my Door, when incompassed by Officers (tho' he did all he might to defend himself) he was seized on and carried to Prison: So far prevailed the vigilant Sagacity of my Husband's Kindred, who following him that Night he left *Osuna*, and keeping aloof till he was alighted, had Leisure to prepare Officers, that following him to my Lodging, he was no sooner come thither, I hearing his Voice, and rising to let him in, but he was beset with Clamour and Noise. Wherefore seeing my new Danger, instantly crossing over Turrets and Tiles of Houses, I got me into Safety, in which I was not a little happy, for they left no Place in my House unsearched, induced by their Suspicions of *Leandro*'s coming thither.

To declare the Torment this second Disaster bred in me, were to begin a new Tragedy; and therefore leaving it as superfluous, you shall hear the rest of our Success. My Courage was not lost, rather, after some few Considerations, began more to increase, since now in Person I might see my *Leandro*, and by coming disguised, and at unseasonable Times to one of the Prison Gates, speak to him; where I had full Notice of all these Particulars: Withal he told me how contentedly he lived, and was lodged with you in your Chamber, till such Time as your Removal from Prison, made us both (without Flattery) less happy.

With this poor Comfort at the aforesaid Place, we gave some little Ease to our Griefs, tho' Fortune, not satisfied with what we had already suffered, so disposed our Affairs, that our Enemies had Notice of our private Conference; yet there wanted not some Friends, who by way of Anticipation did let *Leandro* know, how fit it was for him not to let me perish, but provide for my Safety: Which he presently put in Practice, taking Order to send me as secretly as might be with this Letter of his to the City of *Almeria*.

Here the distressed *Violante* ended her so long wisht-for Story by *Gerardo*, which made present Way to his Thanks, who as full of Admiration, as the Strangeness of those Accidents required, perceiving the graceful Dame begin to sigh afresh; commiserating her Solitude, his noble Heart not suffering him to do less, regardless of Life's Hazard, he resolved to accompany her, till such Time as she might safely arrive at her wished Journey's End. Within a Day or two they came to the City of *Almeria*, where *Violante*, delivering the Letter of her imprisoned Lover to his Kinswomen, was by them joyfully received.

As for *Leandro*, after a tedious Imprisonment, the incensed Judges at last sentenced him to end his Life in the King's Service at the Garrison of *Larache*.

SATURDAY, *Feb.* 16.

LAST Wednesday a fine Statue in Brass of *Thomas Guy*, Esq; who died about nine Years ago, was erected in the Square of the Hospital for Incurables in *Southwark*, which Mr. *Guy* in his Life-time founded, and at his Death left sufficient for the Maintenance.

Last Thursday Morning a Man was found shot dead in the Road at *Mile-End*, near the Turnpike, supposed to have been murdered by some Foot-pads.

Yesterday the Wind being excessive high, several Boats were cast away on the River *Thames*, viz. two in *Chelsea-Reach*, and four Passengers were drowned; and another opposite to *Somerset-House*, and two Persons and the Waterman were drowned.

The same Day about Eleven o'Clock, the Wind blew down a Stack of Chimneys at Mr. *Legg*'s the Corner of *Birchin Lane*, and the Bricks unhappily falling upon a Servant of Mr. *Ackerman*, at the China-Shop just by, broke one of his Legs, and bruised him dangerously in several Parts of his Body.

Also the same Day a Ferry-Boat, in which were a Loaded Waggon and five Horses, crossing the *Thames* from *Lambeth* to *Westminster*, was drove down the River very near the *Temple* by the high Wind: but several Barges coming to their Assistance who towed them to Land, they received no Damage.

Yesterday two Centinels belonging to the First Regiment of Foot Guards on Duty at St. *James*'s, quarrelled in the Guard Room, when one of them struck the other on the Breast with the But-End of his Musket, by which he received a violent Bruise, and his Life is despaired of. The other Centinel was immediately sent to the *Savoy*, in order to be tried by a Court Marshal.

They write from *Paris*, that the Duke *de Tremouille*, who brought the King of *France* the News of the Surrender of *Tortona*, appear'd at Court with a Hat, the Brims whereof and Crown had been miserably torn upon his Head by a Musket Shot in the Trenches before the Castle of *Milan*; whereupon his most *Christian* Majesty promoted him directly to the Rank of a Brigadier, and order'd the Hat to be hung up in the Hall *de Guerre* at *Versailles*.

His *Imperial* Majesty's Answer to the King of *Spain*'s Memorial or Manifesto for declaring War against him is receiv'd by us, but has too little Novelty in it to make amends to our Readers for its Prolixity. The Piece has also the following remarkable Article:

The Business of *Poland* stands at the Head of the Reasons which the Court of *Spain* has thought fit to publish in Apology for the Measures she has taken, but actually made no Part, nor was even once mention'd in the Treaty of Accommodation carrying on by the kind Mediation of *Great Britain*. It would be no difficult Matter to point out the true Reason why the pretended *Grievances in common to the Princes of the House of* Bourbon, affected so late the *King of* Spain. Stanislaus *link'd by so close a Tie to that august House, whereof his* Catholick *Majesty is one of the principal Branches*, did not seem to him at one Time *a Prince so highly to be regarded*, as to take off his Thoughts from all other Candidates; for 'tis known, that a little after the Death of the late King *Augustus*, the Court of *Spain* empower'd Father *Arcelli*, a Theatin Priest, to intriegue for the Crown of *Poland* in Favour of *Don Carlos*.

Preferment. *Henry Fane*, Esq; Clerk of the Estreats, is appointed Comptroller of the Pipe-Office, a Place worth 600 l. *per Annum*.

MONDAY, *Feb.* 18.

The high Wind Yesterday Morning is thought as remarkable as has been known for some Time; it blew down a Tree and Part of the Iron Rails near the Fountain in the *Temple*; it likewise blew down several Trees in St. *James's-Park*, *Moorfields*, &c. and an old House, the Inhabitants of which being alarm'd by a loud Crack, escap'd the Minute before it fell. The Chimnies fell in most of the Streets, and several Places, whose Situation laid them open to its full Fury, were untiled almost from one End to the other.

At the same Time the Storm blew down the East Part of a large Malt-House, at *Sand-End* near *Chelsea*, all the Malt was carried away in the Blast, and the Damage is computed at 300 l.

Several Boats were lost in the River, and a West Country Barge likewise sunk near *Kingston*.

They write from *Deal* of the 16th Instant, that on Friday in the Afternoon they had a very hard Gale of Wind at S. W. in the Evening a small *French* Vessel from *Nants*, bound for *Bologn*, lost all her Anchors, and drove on Shore in *Sandwich-Bay*; she was laden with Brandy and Tea, which is most Part saved, and brought on Shore at *Deal*.

The *Norfolk* Circuit, for the Lent Assizes, before the Lord Chief Justice *Hardwick*, and Mr. Baron *Carter*, being alter'd, is now appointed as follows, *viz.*

Bucks, Monday March 4, at Aylesbury.
Bedford, Thursday 7, at Bedford.
Huntingdon, Saturday 9, at Huntingdon.
Cambridge, Tuesday 12, at the Castle.
Norfolk, Friday 15, at Thetford.
Suffolk, Tuesday 19, at St. Edmund's-Bury.

It was formerly mention'd, that some Propositions had been made to *France* in order to fix the Basis of an Accommodation between that Court and the Emperor, and that those Propositions were to the Effect, That all Endeavours be used to induce his *Imperial* Majesty and the Czarina to leave King *Stanislaus* in the peaceable Enjoyment of the Crown of *Poland*, on Condition that the Republick, restor'd to its former Tranquility and Order, should engage by a solemn Act to place it, after the Death of *Stanislaus*, upon *Augustus*, or in Case of his Demise, on the Heir for the Time being of the House of *Saxony*; that *Augustus* and his Heirs should in the mean Time bear the Title of King; and that the Court of *Russia* should be satisfied in Relation to her Pretensions, and the Expence she has been at on Account of the Troubles in *Poland*. We hear that a few Days since a Courier arriv'd from *Paris*, with an Account of his most *Christian* Majesty's Answer thereto, to the following Purport, *viz.* That his Majesty, from the Beginning of the present Business of *Poland*, has made it the invariable Rule of his Conduct to do nothing himself, nor permit that others should effect any Attempt against the Laws and Constitutions of the Kingdom of *Poland*, or what might seem the least Infringement of their Liberties; wherefore he apprehends, that the expectative Project in Favour of the House of *Saxony*, will be interpreted to clash with the Maxim he has hitherto followed; but reserves to himself however a farther Consideration thereof.

Deaths. A few Days since died Sir *John Tyrwhit*, Bart. at his Seat of *Stainfield* in *Lincolnshire*, descended from a very antient Family, of which was *Robert Tyrwhit*, who possessed *Kettleby* in *Com' Linc'* in the Time of *Edward* II. ——Last Night died Capt. *Gregory*, one of the Cashiers of the *Bank*.

TUESDAY, *Feb.* 19.

We hear that a Bill will be brought into Parliament this Sessions to alter the Custom of some Manors, by obliging of the Lords to accept a Sum of Money in Lieu of the usual Herriot of the best Beast, in order to encourage the Breed of Horses.

The Hon. Society of *Lincoln's-Inn* are carrying on a Subscription amongst themselves, for erecting in the Old Square of the said Inn, a Hall, or convenient Place for the Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor and his Successors to sit in, for the Hearing of Causes, Exceptions, Demurrers, &c.

All his Majesty's Ships of War that are fitted out at *Portsmouth* and *Plymouth*, are order'd to rendezvous at *Spithead*, till further Orders; and those at *Chatham* and *Sheerness*, are order'd to sail for the *Nore*.

Laſt Sunday Morning a Houſe in *Jews-Row, Chelſea*, was blown down, whereby a Woman was kill'd, and ſeveral other Perſons very much hurt.

The ſame Morning a Stable, belonging to a Farmer at *Richmond*, was blown down, which killed four Horſes, and wounded two others.

Yeſterday about Eleven o'Clock, a Fire broke out in the Work-ſhop of Mr. *Robert Lee*, a Setter, near the Old Barge-Houſe, *Southwark*, which burnt the ſame down, and damaged his Drying-Houſe; but by the timely Aſſiſtance of a great Number of Firemen, notwithſtanding the Wind blew very hard, it was happily extinguiſh'd without doing any further Damage.

Late on Friday Night laſt the *Prince William*, Captain *Berresford*, arrived ſafe in the *Downs* from *Mocha*, laden with Coffee on Account of the *Eaſt-India* Company; and on Sunday Morning the Purſer of the ſaid Ship came to Town to give an Account of the ſame to the Directors of the ſaid Company. She has made the quickeſt Voyage ever known, having been gone out of the River but fourteen Months. It is very remarkable, that the Captain did not bury one Man in his Voyage.

On Sunday in the Afternoon a Fire broke out at a Diſtiller's on *Puddle-Dock-Hill, Black Friars*, which before it was extinguiſhed, did a conſiderable deal of Damage.

The Tallies have been ſtruck at the *Exchequer* for Payment of the 80,000 l. being the Princeſs Royal's Marriage-Portion, as allow'd by Act of Parliament.

Preferment. His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*, to be one of his Chaplains in the Kingdom of *Scotland*.

Marriages. Yeſterday the Hon. *Francis Godolphin*, of *Scotland Yard, Whitehall*, Eſq; and Heir to the Title of Earl of *Godolphin*, in Caſe the preſent Earl dies without Male Iſſue, was married at St. *James*'s Church, by the Right Rev. Dr. *Henry Egerton*, Lord Biſhop of *Hereford*, to the Lady *Barbara Bentinck*, third Daughter to the Counteſs of *Portland*, a beautiful young Lady of 50,000l. Fortune.

WEDNESDAY, *Feb.* 20.

Yeſterday at the Rehearſal at St. *Paul*'s, the Stewards of the Clergymens Sons Feaſt collected in their Baſons the Sum of 261 l.

Their Graces the Dukes of *Newcaſtle* and *Ancaſter*, and the other Nobility and Quality, Inhabitants in *Liucoln*'s-*Inn-Fields*, intend to have the ſaid Fields next Summer made into a Square with a Reſervoir in the Middle, after the Manner of St. *James*'s-*Square*.

We hear that the ingenious Mr. *Hogarth*, is to paint the Great Stair-Caſe in St. *Bartholomew*'s-*Hoſpital*, with the Hiſtories of the *Poor of Bethſaida* and the *Good Samaritan*.

Divers idle, lewd, and diſorderly Perſons were taken up by a Conſtable and his Aſſiſtants, by Virtue of a Search-Warrant ſign'd by eleven Juſtices of the Peace on Monday Night laſt, and kept that Night in *Covent-Garden* and St. *Martin's Round-houſes*; they were brought before ſeveral of the ſaid Juſtices the next Morning, who were met at *Covent-Garden* Veſtry. There were 17 Priſoners in all, 3 Men and 14 Women, 9 of whom were committed to *Bridewell*, and 8 diſcharg'd: 14 of the Priſoners being found in Night-Cellars and Night-Houſes, between the Hours of 10 and 1 in the Morning.

Death. On Monday Night died, at his Chambers in the *Temple*, Mr. *How*, Secretary to the Commiſſion of Peace under the Lord Chancellor.

Bankrupts. Edward Baſtin, of *Liverpool*, Mercer.——*William Yeats*, of the Pariſh of *Chriſt-Church, Spittle-Fields*, in the County of *Middleſex*, Brewer.——*John Tull*, late of *Great Chelſea*, in the County of *Middleſex*, Plough-wright and Chapman.——*Daniel Jones*, of St. *Paul*'s *Church Yard, London*, Coffeeman and Joiner.——*Thomas Davidge*, of *Taviſtock-ſtreet*, in the Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, Milliner.——*Andrew Tondup*, of *South-Shields*, in the County of *Durham*, Taylor and Draper.——*William Hurt*, late of the City of *Briſtol*, Haberdaſher of Small Wares.

THURSDAY, *Feb.* 21.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint Sir *John Norris* to be Commander in Chief of the Fleet that will ſail for the *Mediterranean* this Spring, who will hoiſt the Union Flag at the Main Topmaſt Head on board the *Britannia*, a firſt Rate, of 110 Guns and 1000 Men; to be aſſiſted by Sir *George Walton*, who will hoiſt the Red Flag at the Fore Topmaſt Head on board the *Namure*, a ſecond Rate, of 90 Guns and 700 Men; and Admiral *Stewart*, who will hoiſt his Flag at the Mizen Topmaſt Head on board the *Torbay*, a third Rate, of 80 Guns and 550 Men: The whole Fleet will conſiſt of thirty Ships of the Line, two Bomb-Ketches, two Fire-Ships, and two Hoſpital-Ships.

Warrants for impreſſing Seamen have been ſent to ſeveral Sea-Ports, and a great Number have already been impreſs'd for his Majeſty's Service.

On Wedneſday Night laſt about Ten o'Clock, a Perſon was murder'd in *Paddington-Fields*, as is ſuppos'd, by Foot-pads; he was found very much bruis'd and wounded, and with his Throat cut from Ear to Ear: Some Perſons who were paſſing that Way heard a Noiſe, and coming up, perceiv'd ſome Fellows making off, and afterwards diſcover'd the murder'd Perſon. The Aſſaſſins had not Time to complete their vile Purpoſes, two Guineas and ſome Silver being found in his Pockets.

The *America*, Capt. *Conolly*, from *Jamaica* for *London*, which put into *Plymouth* in Diſtreſs, being refitted, had her Men impreſs'd, and on Friday Night, the Wind blowing very hard, ſhe was forced on Shore, but at the coming away of the Letters ſhe was got off again.

Eight hundred *French* Proteſtants have already ſubſcrib'd to go in Cavalcade to meet the Prince of *Orange* upon *Hounſlow-Heath*, when his Highneſs comes to Town.

Laſt Tueſday when a Court of Aldermen was held at *Guildhall*, the Court were pleaſed to order that the Rev. Mr. *Guthrie*, who has officiated for ſome Time as Ordinary of *Newgate*, ſhould be continued in the ſaid Office during Pleaſure.

The Ladies of the Bed-Chamber, Maids of Honour, Dreſſers, *&c.* who are to attend the Princeſs Royal to *Holland*, have received Orders to get themſelves in a Readineſs to embark upon a very ſhort Warning.

On Tueſday laſt the Lady *Betty Warren*, Siſter to the Earl of *Cholmondeley*, and Wife to *Edward Warren*, Eſq; was ſafely delivered of a Daughter.

The Dutcheſs Dowager of *Marlborough* has preſented her fine Houſe at *Wimbleton* in *Surrey* to the Hon. *John Spencer*, Eſq; and his Lady.

Yeſterday the Hon. Houſe of Commons granted two Shillings in the Pound for the Land-Tax for the Year 1734.

By Letters receiv'd Yeſterday from *Bath*, we have Advice, that the Prince of *Orange* will certainly go as this Day to *Briſtol*, and will lie there one Night; on Tueſday his Highneſs ſets out from *Bath* for *London*.

The Board of Works have iſſued their Orders for pulling down the Weſt Part of the *Meuſe*, in Order to have it rebuilt according to the Plan of the North Side.

Yeſterday was held a General Court of the *South-Sea* Company, when they reſolv'd to pay off 450,000 l. of their Bond-Debt at *Michaelmas* next. The Court likewiſe took into Conſideration the great Pains taken by the Committee appointed ſome Time ſince to inſpect the State and Accounts of the Company, and were pleaſed to make them a handſome Allowance for their Trouble.

The *Betty*, of *Lynn*, Capt. *Day*, from *Malaga*, was loſt on Friday laſt at *Gunwalla*, near *Mounts-Bay* in *Cornwall*, and the Captain with three Men were drowned. The Ship drove aſhore, and went to Pieces about the Space of two Minutes after: Ten Caſks of Wine were ſav'd of the whole Cargo.

We hear that Sir *John Newton*, Bart. has by his Will left 200 l. to the Poor of the Pariſh of *Thorp* in *Lincolnſhire*, the Place where he was interred.

Preferment. George Clarke, of *Lincoln's-Inn*, Eſq; is appointed Secretary to the Commiſſion of Peace under the Lord Chancellor, in the room of Mr. *Howe*, deceaſed.

Deaths. Yeſterday died of the Small-Pox, the Rt. Hon. the Lord *Caſtlemain*, eldeſt Son of the Earl of *Tilney*, of the Kingdom of *Ireland*.——A few Days ago died, at his Seat at *Kerley* in *Yorkſhire*, the Hon. Col. *Commins*, an old-experienc'd Officer in the Army.——Laſt Sunday died at *Wallingford* in *Berkſhire*, one Mrs. *Northy*, a Maiden Gentlewoman of near 100 Years of Age, poſſeſſed of an Eſtate of 400 l. *per Annum*.

FRIDAY, *Feb.* 22.

Yeſterday his Majeſty went to the Houſe of Peers, in his Coach of State, attended therein by the Earl of *Scarborough*, Maſter of the Horſe to his Majeſty, and the Lord *William Manners*, Lord of the Bed-Chamber in Waiting, and gave the Royal Aſſent to the Malt-Bill, and to four private Bills.

The ſame Day was held a ſpecial Board of Admiralty, when the Lords Commiſſioners were pleaſed to put the *Britannia*, a firſt Rate Man of War, of 100 Guns, and 1000 Men, into Commiſſion, and to give the Command thereof to Captain *Thomas Whitney*; and at the ſame Time their Lordſhips appointed ſix Lieutenants to the ſaid Ship.

His Majeſty has declared his Intention to grant no more Ground to the Inhabitants of *Privy-Garden*; and Yeſterday the ſaid Garden was ſurveyed and meaſured by proper Workmen, it being agreed that a Subſcription ſhall be made by the Inhabitants for forming the ſame into an Oval, with Trees planted therein, ſurrounded with Iron Rails after the Manner of *Groſvenor* Oval.

His Grace the Duke of *Portland* is preparing to build a fine Houſe fronting the *Thames*, in the *Privy-Garden*, which is to be carried on from a Plan of the late Lord *Pembroke*.

Yeſterday came on a Trial in the Court of *Common-Pleas, Weſtminſter-Hall*, before the Lord Chief Juſtice *Eyre*, wherein Dr. *Miſaubin* was Plaintiff, and Signior *da Coſta*, an *Italian* Painter, Defendant; on a Cauſe of Action of 250 l. brought on by the Plaintiff, for ſeveral Cures performed on the Defendant; but after examining Witneſſes on both Sides, it appearing to the Court, that the Defendant had painted the Plaintiff's Stair Caſe, and had received no Conſideration, a Verdict was given for the Defendant, with Coſts of Suit.

On Sunday Morning two Officers Boys belonging to the *Dock-Yard* at *Chatham*, turning to Windward in an Harbour-Boat, were over-ſet in *Gillingham-Reach*, by carrying too much Sail, and both were drowned.

The Fund that is provided for the Support of Widows of the Officers of the Navy, by the Payment of Threepence *per* Pound out of their Wages, is now entirely eſtabliſh'd, a Clauſe having been agreed on and added thereto, That no Widow of any Commiſſion or Warrant Officer belonging to the Navy, ſhall be capable of receiving any Benefit therefrom, whoſe Huſband was 70 Years of Age before he was married to her.

Yeſterday at the Anniverſary Meeting of the Sons of the Clergy at St. *Paul*'s Cathedral, there was a very great Appearance of ſeveral of the Right Rev. the Lord Biſhops, Clergy, and a great Number of Perſons of Diſtinction of both Sexes: The Collection from the Ladies at Church amounted to upwards of 90 l. and from the Gentlemen and Clergy at *Merchant Taylors-Hall* upwards of 510 l. which, together with the Collection at the Rehearſal, being 261 l. amounted to upwards of 861 l.

Yeſterday the Society of Ringers, called City Scholars, rung a compleat Peal of 7040 Cinques, on the twelve Bells at St. *Michael*'s *Cornhill*, in five Hours and 27 Minutes; being the greateſt Performance of the Kind ever known.

The ſame Day at a General Court of the Governors of *Chriſt*'s-*Hoſpital*, it was reſolved to take in 150 Children next *Eaſter*.

New-York, Dec. 17. On the 13th arrived here the Sloop *Albany, John Davis* Maſter, from St. *Chriſtopher*'s, with the deplorable News, that the Negroes on the Iſland of St. *John*'s, (near to St. *Thomas*'s, and under that Government) had maſſacred all the White People on that Iſland, conſiſting of 200 Families, with great Cruelty; that 200 Whites and 400 Negroes were ſent from St. *Thomas*'s to ſubdue them, but were beaten off; and that the Governor of St. *Thomas*'s had ſent to St. *Chriſtopher*'s for Aſſiſtance. It is ſaid the Slaves on the Iſland of St. *John*'s were about 12 or 1400.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Milan, Feb. 13. N. S.

THE whole *French* Army conſiſts of 30,000, and that of *Sardinia* of 20,000, but there is a conſiderable Deſertion and Sickneſs among them. However they talk of marching to the *Trentine*, to oppoſe the Entrance of the *Imperialiſts*, who are juſt at hand, and increaſe greatly in Number. A Detachment of 1000 Grenadiers from *Mantua*, having taken a Retrenchment, and puſhed two *French* Battalions into the River, cut to Pieces moſt Part of a Regiment of Dragoons, and took five Pieces of Cannon.

Vienna, Feb. 13. We have received Advice by a Courier, which departed from *Mantua* the 4th Inſtant, that General *Wachtendonc*, having been detached with 5000 Men, and ſome Pieces of Cannon, to ruin their Boats which the Enemy had on the *Po* at *Rovera*, had ſucceeded in that Expedition, and burnt all the Bridges. Another Expreſs is alſo arrived from *Mantua*, with News that Prince *Frederick* of *Wirtenburg*, with another Detachment, had forced the *Spaniards* to quit ſeveral Poſts they were poſſeſſed of, and to retire to the *Parmeſan*; and, that Count *Merci* had 30,000 Men ready to begin the Operations of War. Upon Advice that the *Turks* and *Tartars* deſigned to make an Incurſion into *Tranſilvania*, a Reinforcement is order'd thither. The Regiment of Dragoons of Prince *Eugene* are ordered to march the 18th Inſtant for the *Rhine*; and the other Regiments which are to ſerve there, will quit their Quarters by the End of this Month.

Dantzick, Feb. 18. General *Laſci* is arrived with his Army before this City, but keeps as yet out of the Reach of the Cannon. The Magiſtrates have laid the Place on all Sides under Water; however 'tis feared the *Ruſſians* will make themſelves Maſters of the Fort *Weyſelmund*, which will cut off all our Communication with the Sea. 'Tis ſaid King *Staniſlaus* is departed *incognito*, but whither, is not known, tho' ſuppoſed on board a *French* Frigate for *Stralſund*, to prevent this Place being diſtreſſed on his Account.

Peterſbourg, Feb. 2. We are impatient to hear freſh News from *Conſtantinople* and *Derbent*, touching the War between the *Turks* and *Perſians*, becauſe the Baſhaw of *Bender* has receiv'd Orders to detach 6000 of his Troops towards *Conſtantinople*; and the Report prevails much of late, that the Grand Seignior and Prime Vizir have determined to retire from the City. General *Laſci*'s laſt Accounts from *Poland* mention the *Dantzickers* untractable; that inſtead of anſwering his Propoſals, they are buſy in fortifying themſelves both within and without the Walls of the City, being reſolv'd to abide the worſt, and repel Force by Force; ſo that the General expects only the Artillery to put the Czarina's Orders in Execution.

Dreſden, Feb. 12. Another Train of Artillery is preparing in the *Arſenal* to ſend into *Poland*. An Expreſs is arrived from *Cracow*, but the Diſpatches are not yet divulged, General *Laſci* has ſent the King Word, that by the Diſpoſitions which the Magiſtrates of *Dantzick* have made, he foreſaw he ſhould have ſome Trouble in his Approaches, but by the Help of his Artillery, would force his Way till he came under the Walls. Prince *Xavier* is arrived from *Cracow*. They talk as if the King has diſmiſs'd his Guard of Chevaliers.

Ratiſbon, Feb. 15. Count *Kuffſtein* has begun to aſſiſt at the Deliberations of the Empire; and 'tis believ'd the Affair relating to the Declaration of War with *France* will come on in the firſt Aſſembly of the Diet.

Bon, Feb. 17. We are aſſur'd the Treaty negotiating between the Emperor and the two Electors of *Cologn* and *Bavaria* at *Munich*, is in a fair Way of being ſhortly concluded. The Troops of the upper Circle have Orders to be in a Readineſs to march on the firſt Warning, the *Imperial* Court being reſolv'd to begin the Campaign as early as poſſible.

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